

Person Centered *focus*

IMPLEMENTING PERSON CENTERED PLANNING WITH CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN MUSKOKA, PARRY SOUND, ALMAGUIN AND NIPISSING

Project Overview

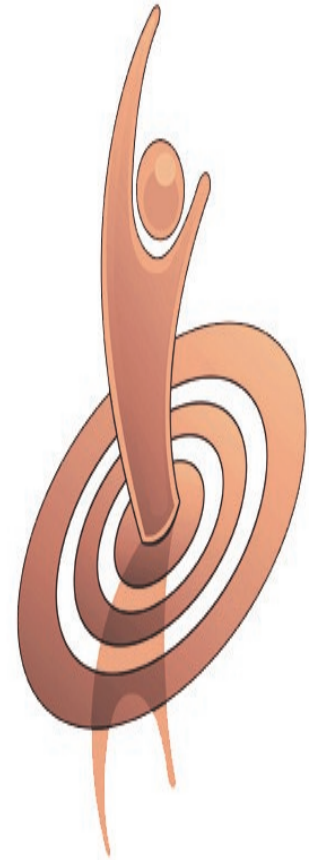
Community Living Parry Sound, in partnership with Almaguin Highlands Community Living, Community Living South Muskoka and Community Living West Nipissing have embarked on a new initiative to provide person centered planning to children and youth in those areas. This initiative will include individual planning for children and youth and provide schools with supports through one page profile workshops in classrooms throughout those communities over the next year. Funding totaling \$116,800 for this initiative was generously provided by The Ontario Trillium Foundation.

One full time Project Coordinator, Barb Swartz-Biscaro and two part time Person

Centered Planning Facilitators, Danielle Ferrigan and Alyssa Koenderink will see this initiative through to it's completion with the support of a Regional Committee consisting of management from each agency.

There will also be a focus on training in person centered practices and tools in order to build further capacity in these communities as well as sustainability once the initiative is complete.

This is an exciting initiative that stands to benefit numerous children and youth in group and individual settings regardless of abilities.



Project Goals

Focus on children and youth age 0-18

Minimum 45 individual plans will be completed, 15 of those with a focus on community connections

Minimum 10 classrooms will receive one page profile building workshops

70 support staff will receive training in person centered practices

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How Will This Project Benefit Children and Youth?

Children, youth, families, schools and professionals will benefit from participating in this project.

Students transitioning from daycare, elementary school or high school will educate their new support team about who they really are and what their future goals are.

Students accessing special education services will benefit from having a clear plan that outlines needed supports and future goals in great detail.

Families will take a closer look at how their family functions and how to build on the positives and celebrate who they are as a unit.

Classroom cultures will celebrate the uniqueness of every member including teachers and educational assistants and build on positive characteristics as well as support each other in ways that increase success in academics as well as relationships.

Front line staff in various agencies will be offered training around Person Centered Approaches in an attempt to build capacity and sustainability.

THANK YOU



Almaguin Highlands Community Living



Community Living West Nipissing

